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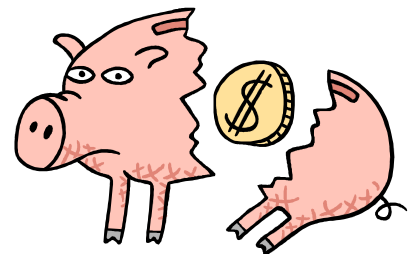
FINDING INNOVATIVE WAYS TO DELIVER OUR MISSION IN VERY DIFFICULT TIMES

The last two years the Sheriff's Office and all of county government have experienced huge cuts in budgets due to the poor economy and revenue shortfalls. The Sheriff's Office has endured a reduction in manpower totaling 12 positions and things could have been a lot worse were it not for the cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), creativity and innovation of my staff and the Sheriffs of Washington State fighting for support within the legislature.

The Sheriff's Office is a business, a very unique business that provides a critical function in our community. I lead an office that includes the Jail, Operations and Services Bureaus, with a combined budget in 2010 of approximately \$12.5 million. The business is expensive, dangerous and filled with litigation potholes with the potential to destroy

or cripple us with a single mistake. Vehicle accidents, expensive homicide investigations, and the rise in the price of fuel are just a few of the things that can seriously strain a fragile budget. Any one of these incidents could result in further staff reductions. A silver lining often exists in every challenge we face and this crisis has forced us to operate more efficiently and explore new ways to meet our mission and deliver quality service to the public we serve.

In this edition of the newsletter, I will describe alternatives I employed this year to save additional deputy positions. One of these was through the legislative session where I worked with several other Sheriffs to save millions in program funding that was on the block to be reallocated to other non-law enforcement programs. Of this funding over two hundred thousand was allocated to Lewis County to secure two deputy positions that would have been cut in addition to the five positions lost over the past two years. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars came from the sex offender address verification program and seventy-five thousand dollars came from the renewed funding for the rural



county drug task force program. The competition for these monies was fierce but in the end the Sheriffs, backed by mostly bipartisan support, got the nod for program funding. Our ability to account for and show a direct impact on the effective reduction in crime made the difference in these monies not being allocated outside of law enforcement.

Another alternative I employed was a project that reinvigorated our reserve and volunteer programs to help offset some of the workload resulting from cuts in 2008 and 2009. Volunteerism continues to play a huge role in what we are able to accomplish in this office and our community. (See related story on page three).

Sheriff Steve

See my next E-Newsletter for Part Two where I will explain how we have used funds from other sources to save three additional positions.



TRANSCRIPTIONISTS HEAR IT ALL

By Support Tech Sherrie Unger, Donna Tornow & Ashley Millam

When we say we've heard it all, we really have "heard" it all. We are the transcriptionists of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. We have two fulltime and one part time transcriptionist. Our transcription team is flexible and works different shifts to cover the needs and demands of law enforcement and the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. As transcriptionists we transcribe audio recordings. Our "duty equipment" is our computer, head phones, and foot pedals.



In the "old days," deputies had to handwrite all their reports, which was very time consuming. As technology advanced they recorded onto small audio cassette tapes that would be turned in with their paperwork to be transcribed. Now, we are in the "digital age" where the deputies record their reports and taped statements onto a digital recorder that is then plugged into their computers and downloaded. They notify the transcriptionists by e-mail, who then transcribe the reports in order of priority.

Recently, the Sheriff's Office made the transition to the digital format. This has streamlined our office and also reduced costs. We no longer have to purchase tapes or print reports for the Prosecutor. It cuts down on the workload of the employees in Evidence as they no longer have to store the tapes that are saved for court since the Prosecutor's Office can access them through the new digital system. We can also save the recordings of non-priority reports to be transcribed at a later time, if needed.

We start in the early morning before the rooster even thinks about crowing. Our first duty of the day is transcribing the Report Information Log/Newsline Report. This is a brief summary of cases handled the previous day and evening by deputies and detectives. This includes the type of incident, location of occurrence, victim and suspect information, structure, items stolen or damaged, total values, and a description of the incident. This information is forwarded to the Chief Civil Deputy, who relays the information to the media.

We are under a great deal of pressure to get all in-custody and priority reports completed in a timely manner. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office requires all in-custody reports be provided to their office by 10:00 a.m. We transcribe all kinds of reports from dog bites to assaults, burglaries to homicides, and everything in between. We have also helped other law enforcement agencies by transcribing priority tapes for cases such as homicides which occurred locally or out of state.

We have many challenges on a daily basis including transcribing every word in taped statements of small children, the elderly, people with heavy accents, those with speech impediments, when several people are talking at once, people who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, when dogs are barking and birds are squawking in the background, when a TV or radio is playing, and transcribing 9-1-1 calls. Our day can be a very stressful, emotional, absolute roller coaster ride that leaves us mentally exhausted. We've learned some—shall we say "interesting" words. It's amazing how just one body part can have so many names. A transcriptionist must also be able to handle highly sensitive material, graphic language, and events. We deal with graphic material and pictures, including photos of injured or deceased adults and children, gunshot victims, and autopsies. It is often emotionally distressing to hear the voices of victims as these statements are taken during very traumatic and sad times. It is especially hard typing children's statements and the family of deceased persons.

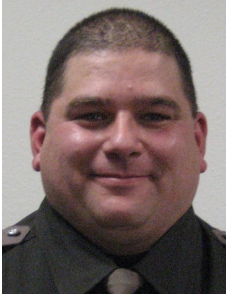
So, if you are ever asked to uh, uh, um, **give a taped statement remember**, ya know, like, **we type**, ya know, **word for word**, like, **what**, uh, uh, ya know, **you are saying so**, like, **please remember**, ya know, ya know, **speak**, uh, **clearly**, ya know, and ya know, **speak loudly**, ya know, **into the recorder and**, like, **tell the truth the first time**, uh, **instead of**, ya know, like **three statements later**.

We have the utmost respect for our law enforcement family. The greatest reward of our job is going home at the end of the day knowing we did our best to contribute to the overall Mission of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office by helping and supporting our deputies and detectives in making Lewis County a safer place to live.

LCSO RESERVE DEPUTY PROGRAM

By Sergeant Rob Snaza, Reserve Program Coordinator

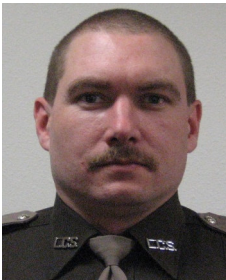
Our Reserve Deputies are each valued members of our community who are committed to making Lewis County a safer place to live, work and go to school. Long time Reserve Deputy Clarence Lupo has participated in the reserve program for over 10 years. His dedication and service have not gone unnoticed and he has been a valuable resource in helping us achieve our mission.



*Reserve Deputy
Smokey Padgett*

With looming budget cuts and staff shortages, Sheriff Mansfield assigned myself and Deputy Chris Rubin to regenerate the Reserve Program with hopes of reaching a total of ten active participants.

Initially, two lateral reserves were recruited and commissioned as Reserve Deputies in November, 2009. Reserves Smokey Padgett and Kevin Lee both brought with them over eight years of reserve experience. Having already attended a Reserve Academy, Reserve Deputies Padgett and Lee were immediately able to begin their field training and assist LCSO patrol deputies with day-to-day operations. Other special events they have participated in include Shop with a Cop, the local Walk & Knock Food Drive, and assisting military personnel deliver Christmas presents to local foster families. All LCSO Reserve Deputies attend monthly reserve meetings and training. After completing 260 hours of patrol work with LCSO, Reserves Padgett and Lee will be evaluated for additional assignments.



*Reserve Deputy
Kevin Lee*

Deputy Rubin and I then concentrated our efforts on recruiting potential candidates to attend an entry-level Reserve Academy to be sponsored locally by the Winlock Police Department. Over 20 potential candidates were interviewed. The interview process included a physical agility test, application review, oral interview process, and a one-on-one meeting with the Reserve Supervisor. Once the applicants completed the initial phase, finalists were selected to continue in the background process, which included a background investigation, credit check, polygraph examination and a psychological test. This is the same background process full-time deputy applicants complete before being hired by the Sheriff's Office.

Six applicants were eventually selected to attend the Reserve Academy representing the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations to LCSO recruits Andrew Bradley, Tyson Brown, Robert Harris, Brett Curtright, Nicholas Macomber, and Blake Willson. The first academy session started on February 11, 2010. Academy sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, along with a couple Saturday and Sunday sessions. Instructors from all facets of law enforcement will provide 240 hours of training over the next four months. The recruits will be participating in training related to criminal law, traffic, patrol procedures, communications, criminal investigations, and other law enforcement activities. There will also be specialized training in DT (defensive tactics), EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course), and firearms. The recruits are scheduled to graduate in June.

Once our six recruits have successfully completed the training academy, they will become active members of the Sheriff's Office Reserve Program. In order to participate in the LCSO Reserve Program, each participant pledges to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours of service each month. These individuals will ride with fellow deputies and assist them in their day-to-day duties, along with assisting at various community events such as the Southwest Washington Fair, foot patrol at the Packwood Memorial Day & Labor Day flea markets, warrant emphasis, evidence searches, and many more special projects.

See the next edition of Sheriff Mansfield's E-Newsletter for updates on our new recruits and how they are progressing through the academy.

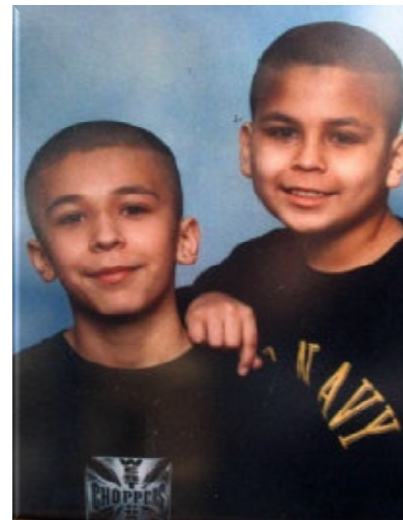
DETECTIVE BRUCE KIMSEY RECOGNIZED BY RIVERSIDE CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

In 2004, Conrad Morales was one of the east Lewis County children selected to participate in the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Shop with a Cop program. Little did anyone know the tragic fate of this young child less than a year later.

Nothing can be worse for a law enforcement officer than the discovery of a murder victim, especially when the victim is a child. Raul and Cathy Sarinana received the death penalty for murder convictions on April 28, 2009, in Riverside, California, for the death of Ricky Morales, age 11. During the investigation, it was determined Ricky's older brother, Conrad Morales, age 13, had been tortured to death at the home of his guardians in Randle, Washington, during 2005.

At a Sheriff's Mission Maker ceremony in October 2009, Sheriff Mansfield read the below letter of appreciation from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Detective Bruce Kimsey was recognized for his diligent investigative efforts and for promoting a professional partnership with the Riverside California District Attorney's Office and the Corona Police Department.

A special thank you to Detective Bruce Kimsey for a job well done!



*In Memory of
Conrad & Ricky Morales*

Letter received from John Aki, Deputy District Attorney, Homicide Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Riverside, California:

I am sending this letter to commend one of your finest – Detective Bruce Kimsey. He exemplifies the best that law enforcement has to offer. My interaction with Detective Kimsey came by way of a horrific tragedy that unfortunately began in Lewis County, Washington, and ended in Corona, California. However, as a result of Detective Kimsey's efforts, verdicts were reached against Raul and Cathy Sarinana – the imposition of the Death Penalty against both defendants on April 28, 2009, here in Riverside, California.

We question humanity when one innocent child is brutally murdered. When two innocent children are tortured to death, an entire community can be paralyzed. However, when an individual makes it his mission to give hope back to the community and thereby restore their faith in humanity – that is something special. I have witnessed this mission accomplished by Detective Bruce Kimsey.

On Christmas Day 2005, Ricky Morales' beaten and mutilated body was found by Corona Detectives in what can only be described as a *house of horrors*. During the investigation into Ricky's death a connection to Randle, Washington, was established: Ricky's older brother Conrad had been tortured to death at a remote trailer home off of Highway 12 in August 2005. Conrad's body was encased in cement in Winlock, Washington, and transported to Corona, California, in October 2005. On December 27, 2005, a joint investigation was undertaken between Corona Police Detectives and the Lewis County Sheriff's detectives.

This was a widely publicized murder case in both California and Washington. Members of the communities of Randle and Corona were left with disheartened feelings of sorrow, guilt for not recognizing the clues of child abuse and shame for being taken advantage of by two deceitful killers. How could this happen? Two little children brutally tortured to death – senseless killings that left these communities questioning humanity.

Fortunately for the community of Randle, Detective Kimsey made it his mission to ensure that the case against the killers would be impeccable, decisive and above reproach. Detective Kimsey worked tirelessly alongside of your fine detective bureau personnel to solve the murder of Conrad in Washington. He organized the painstaking processing of the Highway 12 residence where valuable evidence was documented and collected over three long and grueling days. What was exceptional about the processing of the Highway 12 residence was the collection of evidence outside of the trailer house in a field of waste, garbage and filth. This field of soiled diapers, trash and evidence had been exposed to the cold and wet elements of a Washington winter for over three months before Detective Kimsey got to it. In what perhaps in my mind was one of the most important discoveries of the investigation and inevitably a key piece of evidence at trial was the finding of Conrad's journal that was buried in the sea of filth outside of the Highway 12 residence. Additionally, Detective Kimsey found two other residences where valuable evidence was processed and several witnesses were interviewed. These witnesses provided details that left no question in our jurors' minds that the killers needed to be put to death.

During the course of the 5-month long trial, Detective Kimsey was available to me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – despite having to keep up with his own cases there in Washington. Detective Kimsey helped locate several witnesses and secured their cooperation for this long trial. He then came to testify – and his exceptional experience showed. In some of the most emotional and impactful evidence presented, Detective Kimsey read from the journal of Conrad Morales – who wrote about the abuse and who identified who engaged in the torturous acts. Detective Kimsey outlined the case from Washington and provided valuable testimony concerning the processing of the Washington house of horrors. Jurors commented that Detective Kimsey was professional and personable – proficient and clear – and extremely credible on the witness stand.

I would like to personally thank you for maintaining such a fine and outstanding law enforcement office – and staffing it with the likes of Detective Bruce Kimsey. On behalf of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and myself, I ask you to please recognize and commend Detective Kimsey for not only an extremely outstanding investigative effort, but for restoring hope to the communities of Randle and Corona – for restoring faith in humanity – for bringing justice to a case that requires his special skills.

LCSO ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY

The annual Sheriff's Office agency meeting and awards ceremony was held on January 28, 2010. A Medal of Valor was awarded posthumously to fallen Deputy Stephen "Mike" Gallagher, Jr. His widow, Andria Gallagher, was present to receive the award. The medal and certificate were presented in a shadowbox along with Deputy Gallagher's deputy badge, corrections badge and other awards he received throughout his tenure at the Sheriff's Office.

Life Saving Medals were presented to Deputy Brady Taylor and Deputy Matt Schlecht. The deputies' actions saved the lives of two individuals in two separate life-threatening situations where the hazardous environment of carbon monoxide poisoning was present. Their swift actions in saving these two people's lives brought great credit to each of them and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Warrior of the Year awards were given to two officers who recently finished their Iraq deployment, Deputies Kevin Anderson and Jeremy Almond. Corrections Officer Kevin Wallace was also mentioned for his deployment to Iraq and will be recognized for his efforts upon his return to duty at the Sheriff's Office. Officer Wallace remains on military duty deployed stateside.

Support Technician Lisa Arthur received a Warrior of the Year award for her effort in assisting in the arrest of a man who fled from a courtroom.

A special award was presented to Sergeant Fred Wetzel for his 19 years service and loyalty to the SWAT Team.

East County resident Toni Nelson was honored with a special citizen-

ship service medal for her tremendous partnership with the LCSO and her community service and commitment to help those victimized by crime.

Bureau Employee of the Year Awards for 2009 were given to the following employees:

- Corrections Officer Jack Haskins
Corrections Bureau
- Support Technician Carrie Breen
Corrections Support
- Deputy Chris Rubin
Operations Bureau
- Director of Property Mngt. Isabelle Williams
Services Bureau



Sheriff Mansfield and Life Saving Medal Recipients Deputy Brady Taylor & Deputy Matt Schlecht



Sheriff Mansfield and Citizenship Medal recipient Toni Nelson.



Sergeant Fred Wetzel (center) is recognized for his 19 years service to the SWAT Team. Also pictured are SWAT Members Sergeant Rob Snaza, Deputy Kevin Anderson, Deputy Matt Wallace, Deputy Duke Adkisson, Deputy Rick Van Wyck and Detective Dan Riordan.

Photos courtesy of Brad Reynolds Photography

LEWIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Earthquake Preparedness ...

One of the most destructive natural disasters is an earthquake. An earthquake is a sudden movement of the earth, caused by the abrupt release of energy that has accumulated over a long time.

The amount of energy released during an earthquake is computed from the amplitude of the seismic waves. A magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter Scale indicates an extremely strong earthquake. Each whole number on the scale represents an increase of about 30 times more energy released than the previous whole number represents. Therefore, an earthquake measuring 6.0 is about 30 times more powerful than one measuring 5.0.

On average, the earth experiences about 900,000 earthquakes a year. Washington State has an average of 1,000 earthquakes each month; however, most are less than 3.0 magnitude and usually not felt.

Although infrequent at Strong to Major magnitude, earthquakes in Lewis County have the most potential to cause serious destruction and damages to lives and property. There-

fore, all citizens should have emergency kits prepared and know the following recommendations for actions during an earthquake:

DROP, COVER & HOLD under tables
Outdoors - stay away from buildings, get away from trees, poles

Driving - stop in an open area

Theater - get lower than the seat

Wheelchair - move chair to doorway

THINGS TO AVOID IN A QUAKE . . .

Do Not use elevators

Do Not go near glass, outside walls

Do Not go near utility wires

Do Not light matches

Avoid: overpasses, exterior of buildings, hanging light fixtures

Class	Magnitude	Effects
Minor	3.9 or less	
	2.5 or less	Not usually felt
	2.5 to 5.4	Often felt, minor damage
Light	4.0 - 4.9	
Moderate	5.0 - 5.9	
	5.5 to 6.0	Slight structure damage
	6.0 - 6.9	
Strong	6.1 to 6.9	Lots of damage to populated areas
Major	7.0 - 7.9	
	7.0 to 7.9	Serious damage
Great	8 or more	
	8.0 or greater	Can totally destroy communities near the epicenter

The Public Service Spectrum Includes:

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Services
- E911
- Emergency Medical Services
- **Emergency Management**

For emergencies and disasters that cross jurisdictional lines, Emergency Management facilitates coordination between Lewis County's 67 response entities and state/federal agencies.

FEATURE . . . SIGN UP FOR ~ CodeRED Alert Notification ~

CodeRED is an alert system that provides Lewis County officials the ability to quickly deliver alert messages to individuals and businesses to tell them what to do in emergencies such as evacuations.

CodeRED can communicate time-sensitive, personalized messages via voice, email and text.

Log onto the Lewis County website at: www.lewiscountywa.gov and follow the link to "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment". Those without internet access can call (360) 740-1152 to supply their information. Required information includes: first and last name, Lewis County street address (no P. O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and phone numbers.

Emergency Management Preparedness Quiz

Take the following quiz and **E-mail your answers to: DEM@lewiscountywa.gov** for a chance to win a **free** NOAA Weather Radio. Winners will be notified by return mail. Answers will appear in the next volume.

1. Washington state has an average of 1,000 earthquakes a month. True / False	2. CodeRED is the name of an alert system that provides evacuation information. True / False
3. At the first notice of earthquake movement, citizens should: A. Drop under a desk or sturdy table B. Cover your head for protection C. Hold onto the table. If it moves, move with it. Do not run — stay where you are until the movement stops. D. All the above	4. Things to avoid in an earthquake include: A. Power Lines B. Elevators C. Building Exteriors D. Lighting matches E. Stopping under overpasses in your car F. All of the above
5. This area has a long history of earthquakes that have caused loss of life, severe property damage and disruption of services; therefore, Lewis County citizens should practice the Drop, Cover, Hold earthquake techniques and have an emergency kit . True / False	

Last E-Newsletter Answers: 1. True; 2. False; 3. D; 4. F; 5. True
Congratulations to Our Last E-Newsletter Weather Radio Winners: Kim Amrine, Michael Countryman, Ona Felker

Mission Statement

Lewis County Emergency Management shall seek to minimize the impacts of disasters and emergencies on people, property, and the environment of Lewis County through strong partnerships that promote mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts.